

I urge the FCC to reject the "broadcast flag". This proposal will not advance the adoption of HDTV. The broadcast flag provides a disincentive to consumers, because it makes HDTV equipment less flexible than the systems we already own. I will not buy a system which implements the broadcast flag, even if that means I get no HDTV at all. I have already bypassed Firewire technology, simply because the industry is merely proposing an encrypted copyright protection system.

Copyright protection in the digital realm is unlike traditional copyright. In the digital world, protecting against copying effectively controls the USE of the material, as well as copying of them. The right to control use was never granted by the constitution, nor by Congress. It's a naked power grab by the content industries. The broadcast flag is a flawed technology, seeking to protect a "right" that the content industries don't actually own.